



Noah's Ark Independent Primary School

Subject: Home Language P2	Examiner: Gororo, E
Type: End of 3 rd Term Assmt.	Moderator: Böhmer, MA
Date: 4 September 2019	Grade: 7
Marks: 40 Marks	Time: 1 hour 30 minutes

Name: _____

Instructions

Read the questions carefully before you start writing.

Make sure you answer ALL the questions.

Pay special attention to spelling, language errors and sentence construction.

Write neatly and legibly.

Section A: Prepared Reading

1. Read the following passage and answer the questions based on it. Use your own words.

Natiki

The Kalahari evening sun sinks away behind the thorn trees. The hunters come back from the veld. At the kraal people are talking and laughing.

Natiki's two sisters and her mother rub their bodies with fat. They are making themselves beautiful, because tonight is the dance of the full moon.

Natiki's heart is burning to go along to the big dance as well, but when she asks her mother whether she can go too, her mother only says, "Go and fetch the goats, and make sure you bring them in before nightfall. Bring along some wood and make a big fire so that the wild animals will stay away."

Her mother and her two sisters treat her very, very badly. They are jealous of her because she is more beautiful than her two older sisters. They are afraid that a hunter might take a fancy to her at the dance.

So Natiki goes out into the veld. By the time she comes back to the kraal with the goats, her mother and sisters have already left for the dance. She places the handful of porcupine quills she collected on the wall of the cooking enclosure.

(Source: "Natiki" by Claudine Kotze from a collection of stories, Madiba Magic)

a. Where is the story set? (1)

b. Choose the correct answer from the options provided.

Natiki's mother and sisters are ----- (1)

- a) jealous of her
- b) proud of her
- c) inspired by her
- d) kind to her

c. State whether the following sentence is TRUE or FALSE and give a reason for your answer. (1)

Natiki went with her mother and sisters to the dance.

d. Who is the main character in the story? (1)

e. Complete the following sentence using at least six words. (1)
Natiki's mother ordered her to make a big fire so that _____

f. Choose the correct answer from the options provided. (1)
This story is very similar to the story of _____.

- a) Cinderella
- b) Snow White and the Seven Dwarves
- c) Pinocchio

g. In about six lines, summarise the content of the story using your own words. Take careful note of grammar and punctuation. Start your answer as follows: (6)

Natiki is a beautiful young girl. Her mother and sisters _____

h. Why is there great excitement in the kraal? (1)

i. Why do you think Natiki's mother gave her so many chores that night? (1)

- j. Scan the passage and find one word that tells you that Natiki really wanted to go to the dance. (1)

2. Read the following poem carefully and answer the questions based on it.

Here are some words to look at before you read the poem.

curled: bent, twisted	shimmered: sparkled
dragged: pulled	threads: fibres, strands
dangled: hung down	swooping: curling (handwriting)
tattered: in shreds, in rags	

New girl

The new girl stood at Miss Moon's desk,
 Her face pale as a drawing
 On white paper
 Her lips coloured too heavily
 With a too-dark crayon. 5
 When the others shouted, Me! Me!
 I curled my fists,
 Tried not to think of friendship,
 Or whispered secrets
 Or games for two players. 10
 But the empty seat beside me
 Shimmered with need
 And my loneliness dragged her like a magnet.

As she sat down
 I caught the musty smell of old forests
 Noticed the threads that dangled 15
 At her thin wrists,
 The purple stitches that circled
 Her swan's neck.

Yet I loved her quietness, 20
 The way she held her pencil
 Like a feather,
 The swooping curves of her name,
 The dreaminess of her cold eyes.

At night, I still wonder 25
 Where she sleeps,
 If she sleeps,
 And what Miss Moon will say
 To her tattered parents
 On Open Day.

by Clare Bevan

a. How many stanzas are there in the poem. (1)

b. Who is the poet? (1)

c. Write down one example of a simile from the poem. (2)

d. What does the poet mean when she states: (2)

Noticed the threads that dangled at her thin wrists.

e. What important message is found in the poem? Choose the best option. (1)

a) New children in the class are different from the rest.

b) Teachers are not always kind to new learners.

c) The poet's (speaker's) wish for companionship (friendship)

f. Why do you think the poet refers to the girls' parents as tattered? (1)

g. Name one colour that is mentioned in the poem. (1)

h. In the last stanza, the poet has important concerns (worries) about the new girl. Name one of these concerns. (1)

_____ / 25 Marks (Section A)

Section B: Language Structures and Conventions

Read the following passage and answer the language questions based on it.

Natiki (continued ...)

The moon is already high when she sets off along the path. Here and there, as she wals, she sticks a porcupine quill into the ground.

When she comes to the top of the rise and sees the big fire of the dance, she starts to feel a bit nervous. What will her mother and sisters say? But then she smells the meat on the coals and her feet skip this way and that, and the springbok ears go shirr-shirr around her ankles.

When she gets to the fire, she stands on one side at first. Then she catches sight of her mother and her sisters. But they are wandering, along with other women who have arrived at the party alone, and a stranger.

Natiki goes to stand with the women who are singing and clapping their hands. She joins in the singing. She claps her hands and her feet are light. A young hunter smiles at her as he dances past. His eyes rest on her.

When it starts getting late, Natiki's sisters begin to yawn – gapping yawns that make them look even uglier. Natiki's mother sizes up things and says to her eldest daughter, "Just take more meat for yourselves, and then we'll walk home." And then they are gone.

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- a. From the passage provide: (2)
- i. an antonym for **low** : _____
 - ii. a synonym for **begins** : _____
- b. State whether the following are examples for simple or compound sentences. (2)
- i. His eyes rest on her. _____

ii. She claps her hand and her feet are light. _____

c. Complete the following sentence by choosing the correct proposition from the options provided. (1)

The hunter prefers Natiki _____ her sisters.

a) to

b) for

c) too

d) over

d. Study the following part of a sentence from the passage and then choose the correct figure of speech from the options given.

...and the springbok ears go shirr-shirr around her ankles. (1)

a) Onomatopoeia

b) Metaphor

c) Simile

d) Personification

e. What is the root word for clapping? (1)

f. Look at the passage and fill in the table below (3)

Positive degree	Comparative degree	Superlative degree
	lighter	lightest
	more nervous	most nervous
ugly		ugliest

g. Arrange the sentences in the correct sequence (logical order).
Write only the letters, not the full sentences, in the correct order. (3)

A A young hunter admires Natiki.

B The moon is already high when Natiki sets off for the dance.

C Natiki joins the women who are singing and clapping their hands.

h. Underline the correct answer in the following sentence. (1)

The women (believes / believe) that the moon dance is the most important dance in the village.

i. Find a homophone for the word **meet** from the passage. (1)

----- / 15 Marks (Section B)

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